GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:81
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2012
ACTION TAKEN ON EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORTS
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji;Patil Shri Sanjay Dina

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sam Pitroda Committee and Dr. Anil Kakodkar Committee on modernisation and safety of Railways have submitted their reports;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the main recommendations contained in those reports and the action taken by the Railways thereon;

(c) whether the Railways propose to appoint a Tariff Regulatory Authority to determine rail fares as per the recommendations contained in the reports mentioned above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which such a Regulatory Authority will help the Indian Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 81 BY SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL AND SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.11.2012 REGARDING ACTION TAKEN ON EXPERT COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(a): Yes, Madam. The Expert Group for Modernisation of Indian Railways under the chairmanship of Sam Pitroda and the High level Safety Review Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, have submitted their Reports to the Ministry of Railways.

(b) to (d): The recommendations of the Expert Group for Modernisation of Indian Railways include those pertaining to modernisation of tracks and bridges, signalling systems, rolling stock, stations and terminals, PPP(Public Private Partnership) initiatives, utilisation of land and airspace, construction of Dedicated Freight Corridors, High-speed Passenger Corridors, expeditious implementation of 'priority' projects, harnessing Information & Communication Technology, indigenous development and safety. It has recommended mobilisation of resources for the aforesaid purposes along with Human Resource Development to increase specialisation and some organisational changes including setting up of Railways Tariff Regulatory Authority.

The Safety Review committee has made recommendations including General Safety Matters, Organizational structure, Empowerment at Working Level, Safety related works and issues, Manpower Planning issues, Shortage of Critical Safety Spares, External Interferences − Encroachment and Sabotage, Signalling, Telecommunication and Train Protection, Rolling Stock, Track, Bridges, Level Crossings, Human Resource Development with emphasis on Education and Training, Training Institutes on Indian Railways and Research Eco-System on Indian Railways and Safety Architectures over Indian Railways.

Both sets of recommendations including that for setting up of a Rail Tariff Regulatory Authority, are presently under examination in the Ministry of Railways.